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SUBJECT: PRESS CONFERENCE BY SENATOR JAVITS ON APRIL 18, 1976

AMBASSADOR EILTS: LADIES AND GENTLEMEN I KNOW THAT  
OUR GUEST TODAY HARDLY REQUIRES ANY INTRODUCTION, THE  
HONORABLE JACOB JAVITS, SENATOR FROM THE STATE OF NEW YORK.  
IT IS A VERY GREAT PLEASURE FOR ME AND A VERY GREAT  
HONOR THAT THE SENATOR HAS VISITED US HERE IN EGYPT ON A TRIP  
TO THE MIDDLE EAST. SO WITHOUT FURTHER ADO, SENATOR JAVITS.

JAVITS: LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THANK YOU VERY MUCH  
FOR COMING TO THIS PRESS CONFERENCE. I ASKED YOU TO  
BE KIND ENOUGH TO COME TOGETHER BECAUSE THERE WERE  
A GREAT MANY APPLICATIONS TO THE EMBASSY TO TALK WITH  
ME ON THE PART OF THE PRESS. AND SO IT WAS MOST CON-  
VENIENT TO DO IT AT ONE TIME. AND IN ADDITION, I KNOW  
YOU LIKE TO LATERALLY CONSULT WITH EACH OTHER THIS WAY.  
I HAVE NO ANNOUNCEMENT TO MAKE. I WILL GIVE SOME OF  
THE IMPRESSIONS OF MY VISIT. WHEN I GOT OFF THE PLANE  
I MADE IT CLEAR THAT I WAS HERE TO LISTEN AND TO LEARN.  
I HAVE LISTENED VERY CAREFULLY AND I HAVE LEARNED A  
GREAT DEAL. I HAVE HAD AUDIENCES WITH THE PRESIDENT  
AND THE VICE PRESIDENT, WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND  
WITH A LIST OF OTHER MINISTERS WHICH YOU ARE MORE THAN  
WELCOME TO HAVE. YESTERDAY I SAW THE MINISTER OF  
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PETROLEUM, THEN HAD THE LUNCHEON WITH THE FOREIGN

RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY AND AT THAT PARTICULAR LUNCHEON THERE WERE PRESENT THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND CULTURE AS WELL AS OFFICIALS OF THE PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY ITSELF. LAST NIGHT I HAD A MEETING WITH THE SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY SAYED MAREI WHOM I HAVE MET BEFORE. TODAY I MET WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER, THE MINISTER OF ECONOMY AND THE MINISTER OF HOUSING AND RECONSTRUCTION. AND IN ADDITION, I HAVE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT WITH INDIVIDUALS HERE, INTELLECTUALS, NEWSPAPER PEOPLE, ETC.

NOW, I HAVE BEEN VERY STRONGLY IMPRESSED WITH THE SINCERITY OF PRESIDENT SADAT IN SEEKING PEACE AND WITH THE WIDE SUPPORT WHICH HE SEEMS TO ENJOY IN HIS OWN COUNTRY. AND I WAS VERY GRATIFIED BY THE PRESIDENT'S MAKING THE CENTRAL THEME OF OUR VERY WARM DISCUSSION. WE DIDN'T NECESSARILY AGREE ON SOME THINGS -- BUT MANY THINGS -- BUT THE ATMOSPHERE OF CORDIALITY WAS VERY MUCH PRESENT. I WAS OBVIOUSLY VERY WELCOME, AND I WAS CONVINCED THAT THE PRESIDENT REALLY WANTS TO BRING PEACE TO THE AREA. NATURALLY, I INFORMED THE PRESIDENT ABOUT THE GREAT INTEREST OF THE CONGRESS AND THE UNITED STATES PUBLIC IN EVENTS HERE AND EXPRESSED CERTAIN SATISFACTION AT THE EXPLANATION WHICH PRESIDENT SADAT GAVE ME OF THE ABROGATION OF THE TREATY WITH THE SOVIET UNION. IT WAS MY CONCLUSION -- MY JUDGMENT -- WITHOUT IN ANY WAY QUOTING THE PRESIDENT WHO MAY NOT BE QUOTED EXCEPT BY HIMSELF -- IT WAS MY JUDGMENT THAT HE SIMPLY FELT THAT HIS COUNTRY WAS BEING SUFFOCATED AND HELD BACK BY THE REQUIREMENTS WHICH WERE PUT UPON SUCH AID AND ASSISTANCE AS HE GOT FROM THE SOVIET UNION. AND IN THE SHEER INTEREST OF THE ABILITY OF HIS COUNTRY TO GO FORWARD AND ITS OWN SOVEREIGNTY AND DIGNITY, THERE WAS JUST NO OTHER COURSE THAT COULD BE TAKEN IN THE INTEREST OF EGYPT THAN THE COUSE WHICH HE TOOK. THIS WAS VERY IMPRESSIVE TO ME AND I LEARNED A GREAT DEAL FROM LISTING TO HIM. ALSO I WAS MUCH IMPRESSED WITH THE PRESIDENT'S STRONG FEELINGS ABOUT THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF EGYPT AND THE ECONOMIC IMPROVEMENT WHICH

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IS ESSENTIAL FOR ITS PEOPLE. AND I HAVE A CONCEPT OF THE AMOUNTS INVOLVED AND THE SIZE OF THE JOB FROM THE MINISTER OF ECONOMY AND FROM THE MINISTER OF HOUSING, BOTH OF WHOM ENLIGHTENED ME A GREAT DEAL ON THIS SUBJECT. OBVIOUSLY, THE CRUSHING BURDEN OF THE DEFENSE BUDGET IS PRESENT FOR EGYPT JUST AS IT IS FOR ISRAEL I MIGHT SAY. AND I CERTAINLY STUDIED THOSE FIGURES AS WELL AS THESE FIGURES. HENCE IF WE CAN ALL FIND SOME WAY

IN WHICH TO RELIEVE THE TREMENDOUS BURDEN OF ARMAMENTS  
AND TO TAKE OUT THE FEELING ABOUT WAR, THE DANGER OF  
WAR, IT WILL BE A GREAT BOON OBVIOUSLY TO EGYPT AND,  
INDEED, TO ISRAEL AS WELL. I ALSO HAD THE FEELING  
FROM MY VISITS HERE THAT IT IS BELIEVED HERE THAT  
A MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT IS POSSIBLE, AND WITHIN A  
RELATIVELY REASONABLE TERM. BUT THIS DOES NOT REDUCE  
THE STRONG FEELINGS WHICH ARE PRESENT HERE ABOUT WHAT  
THE TERMS OF A SETTLEMENT MUST BE. BUT THE BELIEF IN  
FACT THAT IT IS POSSIBLE, THAT THERE ARE REAL ALTERN-  
TIVES TO WAR, IS VERY ENCOURAGING. AND I DID NOT, AS  
A RESULT, DID NOT SEE WHAT IS NORMALLY CALLED WAR FEVER.  
NOBODY IS THIRSTING FOR WAR, BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN  
THAT THERE IS NOT REAL DETERMINATION UPON THE PRINCIPLES  
WHICH THIS GOVERNMENT BELIEVES IN. I THINK THAT THAT  
IS ALL THAT I NEED TO SAY IN A DIRECT STATEMENT, AND  
I'LL BE VERY GLAD TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

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Q. SENATOR, IS THIS YOUR FIRST VISIT TO EGYPT?

A: IT IS MY SECOND VISIT TO EGYPT. I FIRST CAME TO  
EGYPT IN DECEMBER 1946, 30 YEARS AGO, I EXPRESSED THE  
SENTIMENT AT THE AIRPORT, WHICH I WOULD LIKE TO REPEAT:  
WHEN I CAME HERE 30 YEARS AGO AS A NEWLY ELECTED  
CONGRESSMAN, I FOUND A GREAT SATISFACTION WITH THE  
ANTIQUITIES AND THE GREAT HISTORY OF EGYPT, AND I WENT  
HERE FROM HERE BY THE AL MISR AIRLINE IN A DAKOTA TO TEL  
AVIV. I EXPRESSED TO THE PEOPLE OF EGYPT AND I EXPRESSED  
TO THE PRESIDENT MY HOPE THAT I MAY LIVE LONG ENOUGH

TO DO IT AGAIN.

Q: SENATOR, WHAT BROUGHT YOU TO EGYPT AT THIS PARTICULAR TIME?

A: I AM ENGAGED IN A FACT-FINDING TRIP THROUGH THE MIDDLE EAST BECAUSE I BELIEVE THAT IT IS ONLY PROPER THAT I SHOULD HAVE AN OBJECTIVE VIEW OF THE ATTITUDE OF STATESMEN HERE. IT IS WELL KNOW THAT I AM A VERY STRON FRIED OF THE BEST IN U.S.-ISRAEL RELATIONS. THE FACT THAT I AM STRONGLY FOR THE SURVIVAL OF ISRAEL DOES NOT MEAN THAT I AM IN ANYWAY AGAINST EGYPT OR ANY ARAB COUNTRY. ON THE CONTRARY, I AM EQUALLY INTERESTED IN PEACE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR EGYPT AND THERE IS NO INCONSISTENCY WHATEVER BETWEEN THE TWO. AND I THOUGHT THIS WAS A TIMELY MOMENT, ONE, TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS MATTER, AND SECOND, BY MY OWN PRESENCE TO SHOW UNCLASSIFIED

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MY INTEREST AND MY UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROBLEMS WHICH EXIST HERE.

Q: SENATOR, HOW MUCH ROOM IS THERE FOR AMERICAN MILITARY AID TO EGYPT?

A: THE UNITED STATES' POSITION ON THAT HAS NOW BEEN TAKEN IN SUBSTANCE. EGYPT SOUGHT SOME C-130S. THOSE ARE BEING SOLD TO EGYPT. PERIOD. THE UNDERSTANDING IN THE UNITED STATES IS THAT THERE WILL BE NO FURTHER MILITARY SUPPLY THIS YEAR. AND BEYOND THAT THERE IS NO NEED FOR MAKING ANY STATEMENTS.

Q: WERE YOU ONE OF THE SENATORS WHO SIGNED THE PEITION TO THE PRESIDENT BEFORE THEIR MEETING IN SALZBURG?

A: I DON'T REMEMBER THE EXACT DATE OF SALZBURG, BUT THERE IS A LETTER WHICH WAS SIGNED BY 70 ODD SENATORS AND I WAS ONE OF THE SIGNERS.

Q: MR. SENATOR, YOU SAID THAT YOU AND THE PRESIDENT HAD GOOD DISCUSSION, BUT DIDN'T AGREEI, 9.3 9\* 5#3 5#8,& . COULD YOU GIVE US SOME IDEA ON WHAT YOU DID NOT AGREE?

A: WELL, AGAIN I WOULD NOT WISH IN ANYWAY TO SAY ANY-THING WHICH DEALT WITH MY CONVERSATIONS WITH THE PRESIDENT AND IN ANYWAY QUOTING HIM. LET ME SAY THAT I FELT, I BELIEVED, THAT THE PRESIDENT EMPHASIZED THE KEY POSITION OF THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM RESPECTING ANY HOPE FOR SOME STABILITY IN THE AREA, AND EMPHASIZED

WHAT HE CONSIDERED TO BE THE MODERATION OF THE LEADER  
OF THE PLO, MR. ARAFAT. LET US SAY ON THAT SUBJECT  
WE AGREED TO DISAGREE.

Q: AND ANOTHER SUBJECT. YOU SAID THERE WAS MORE THAN  
ONE...

A: WELL, I THINK THAT IS AN EXAMPLE.

Q: WHAT NEW HAVE YOU LEARNED DURING THIS VISIT (UNCLAR)?  
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A: WELL, I THINK I HAVE SAID THAT IN MY DIRECT STATEMENT.  
I HAVE LEARNED OR, AT LEAST FELT, THE SINCERITY OF  
PRESIDENT SADAT AND RESPECTED HIS SEARCH FOR PEACE.  
I FELT HIS DEEP CARE FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
OF HIS COUNTRY. I FELT HIS DEEP CONCERN FOR THE AMOUNT  
OF RESOURCES WHICH ARE BEING TAKEN OUT OF HIS COUNTRY,  
BY HIS FEELING ABOUT THE NECESSITY FOR MAINTAINING A VERY  
LARGE MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT AND THE ARMAMENT WHICH THAT  
TAKES. THESE ARE SOME OF THE THINGS WHICH I HAVE  
FELT AND I LEARNED -- WHAT I FOUND VERY INTERESTING WAS  
A VERY PROFOUND UNDERSTANDING OF THE DEEP CAUSES WHICH  
HAVE CHANGED THE POLICY OF THIS COUNTRY SO MATERIALLY  
RESPECTING THE SOVIET UNION.

Q: WOULD YOU CARE TO GIVE US YOUR CONCEPTION OF HOW  
PEACE CAN BE ACHIEVED IN THIS AREA?

A: OBVIOUSLY, MY CONCEPTION DEALS WITH THE PROBLEMS  
OF NEGOTIATION. AS TO THE FINITE DETAILS OF WHO HAS  
TO GIVE WHAT, IN THE FIRST PLACE, I DO NOT SPEAK FOR  
THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. AND SECONDLY, I THINK  
IT WOULD REALLY BE UNSEEMLY IN THE MIDST OF MY TRIP,  
AND INDEED AT ITS VERY OPENING TO GIVE DEFINITIVE  
IDEAS AS TO HOW THESE PROBLEMS MIGHT BE SETTLED. IT  
SEEMS TO ME THAT THE PROBLEM, THE KEY TO ALL OTHER  
PROBLEMS IS THE PROBLEMS OF MUTUAL SUSPICION, AND  
THOSE CANNOT BE EXORCIZED OUT OF EXISTENCE. THEY  
HAVE TO BE DEALT WITH INFINITE ARRANGEMENTS WHICH WILL  
GIVE ASSURANCES OVER A PERIOD OF TIME, UPON WHICH  
PEOPLES CAN FEEL THAT THEY CAN DEPEND BECAUSE THEY  
ARE BUTRESSED WITH PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS WHICH ENTITLE  
THEM TO BE RELIED UPON. THIS WILL CALL FOR, IN MY  
JUDGMENT, A PEACE WHICH WILL BE PHASED IN MANY WAYS,  
AND I BELIEVE -- AND HERE I AGREE WITH PRESIDENT  
SADAT -- THAT THE INGENUITY OF MAN SHOULD BE ABLE TO  
ENCOMPASS THIS RESULT AND I'LL DO MY UTMOST TO CONTRIBUTE  
TO IT.

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Q: DO YOU AGREE THAT ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM OCCUPIED TERRITORIES IS ONE OF THE CONDITIONS FOR PEACE IN THE AREA?

A: EGYPT HAS SUBSCRIBED TO THE UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTION 242, AS INTERPRETED OR BUTRESSED BY 33. SO HAS THE UNITED STATES, SO HAS JORDAN, SO HAS ISRAEL. AND THAT SEEMS TO ME TO BE ALL WHAT ONE CAN SAY ABOUT ONE SUBJECT. THAT SEEMS TO BE AN AGREED UPON BASIS AND AN AGREED UPON FRAMEWORK WHICH TO NEGOTIATE.

Q: SENATOR JAVITS, THE CONGRESS IS GOING TO BE CALLED UPON TO APPROVE THE SALE OF A NUCLEAR REACTOR TO EGYPT. COULD YOU TELL US HOW MUCH YOU HAVE BEEN TOLD ABOUT THE PROJECT AND WHAT YOUR FEELINGS ARE ABOUT IT?

A: THE MATTER OF SAFEGUARDING THE TRANSMITTAL OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL AND NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY IS NOW A MATTER OF A VERY KEEN DEBATE BEFORE THE COMMITTEE OF WHICH I AM ONE OF THE SENIOR MEMBERS, THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS IN THE SENATE. AND WE, I BELIEVE, ARE GRADUALLY GETTING TOWARD A POLICY BY WHICH WE WISH TO SAFEGUARD AGAINST SUCH UNTOWARD EVENTS AS THE INDIAN ATOMIC BOMB EXPLOSION, OUR SALES OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL AND NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY. AND I BELIEVE WE WILL BE SUCCESSFUL THROUGH INTERNATIONAL ACTION OF WORKING OUT SUCH SAFEGUARDS WITHOUT DEPRIVING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES OF THEIR OPPORTUNITY FOR NUCLEAR

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POWER. AGAIN, I SAY THE SAME THING I SAID ABOUT THE PEACE IN THIS AREA: IT DOES NOT SEEM TO ME TO BE BEYOND THE WIT AND ABILITY OF MAN TO DEVISE SUCH SAFEGUARDS. BUT WE ARE NOT SATISFIED WITH THE EXISTING SITUATION AND WE MUST ENDEAVOR TO IMPROVE IT, TO MAKE IT MUCH BETTER THAN IT IS BECAUSE THE EXISTING SITUATION DOES RAISE VERY MATERIAL DANGERS OF EXPANDING THE NUCLEAR CLUB, AND IT IS DEPRESSING ENOUGH AS IT IS NOW.

Q: HOW WOULD THE SITUATION AFFECT YOUR FEELINGS IF YOU ARE CALLED UPON IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO APPROVE THE SALE OF A NUCLEAR REACTOR TO EGYPT, SIR?

A: IF THE MIND OF MAN CAN CONTRIVE THE NECESSARY SAFEGUARDS, BE THEY SOONER OR LATER, I WILL BE READY TO DO MY PART AS I SAID, NOT TO DEPRIVE ANY DEVELOPING COUNTRY OF ITS OPPORTUNITY FOR ATOMIC POWER, AND THAT'S WHAT WE'RE WORKING ON. I CAN'T TELL YOU WHETHER WE WILL BE READY OR NOT AT THE MOMENT THAT THE DEAL MAY BE READY. I JUST CAN'T SAY THAT. THAT'S WHAT WE ARE ON RIGHT NOW.

Q: DO YOU SEE SOME FUNDAMENTAL DANGER IN IT?

A: I SEE A VERY DEEP FUNDAMENTAL DANGER IN THE ABSENCE OF SAFEGUARDS WHICH CAN EFFECTIVELY SEE THAT PEACEFUL MEANS FOR NUCLEAR POWER ARE NOT CHANGEABLE..AND NOT YET ANOTHER ATOMIC THREAT TO THE WORLD.

Q: (QUESTION UNCLEAR, BUT DEALT WITH VISIT OF SOUTH AFRICAN P.M. VOOSTER TO ISRAEL AND ITS EFFECT ON U.S.-ISRAEL RELATIONSHIP.

A: I DON'T KNOW OF ANY COMMITTEE OF FRIENDSHIP THAT I AM A MBER OF BETWEEN AMERICAN AND ISRAEAL THOUGH I AM FRIENDLY TO ISRAEL, I AM ALSO FRIENDLY TO EGYPT, AND I HAVE NO IDEAS ON THE BASES FOR AND THE PURPOSES OF THE VISIT OF THE PRIME MINISTER OF SOUTH AFRICA. IT IS WELL KNOWN THAT I AM A VERY STRONG OPPONENT OF PARTHEID, AND BEYOND THAT I DON'T KNOW WHAT ELSE I CAN SAY.

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Q: ARE YOU IN FAVOR OF NUCLEAR SAFEGUARDS FOR ISRAEL AS WELL AS EGYPT?

A: I BELIEVE THAT SUCH SAFEGUARDS, AS ARE IMPOSED RESPECTING THE SALE OF MEANS FOR NUCLEAR POWER, WILL BE IMPOSED UNIVERSALLY BY THE UNITED STATES ONCE WE ARRIVE AT THEM. AND I BELIEVE THERE WILL BE THE GREATEST RELUCTANCE TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT SALES UNTIL WE DO ARRIVE AT THEM. THAT WAS MY POINT HERE.

Q: (QUESTION DEALT WITH CHANGING AMERICAN ATTITUDE TOWARD ISRAEL AND WHETHER OR NOT THE SENATOR HAD PERCEIVED ANY SUCH CHANGES)

A: I SENSED AN ADDITIONAL FACTOR, AND THAT IS THE REAL HUNGER FOR PEACE IN THIS AREA IN THE UNITED STATES. ONE CAN ALWAYS USE THE SAME WORDS. THERE IS NO, IN MY JUDGMENT, LACK OF DETERMINATION TO CONTINUE AMERICAN POLICY RESPECTING THE SURVIVAL AND SECURITY OF ISRAEL. I DON'T BELIEVE THAT'S IN ANY MATERIAL QUESTION. BUT AN ADDED DIMENSION IS THE STRONG DESIRE THAT AT LONG LAST TO BRING ABOUT AN END TO THE SUFFERING IN THIS AREA. THAT IS A NEW ELEMENT OF AMERICAN DETERMINATION THAT MAY OR MAY NOT AFFECT OUR POLICY. I DON'T BELIEVE IT WILL, AS TO THE BASICS, AS I SAY OF THE SURVIVAL AND SECURITY OF ISRAEL. BUT I BELIEVE IT WILL AS TO THE ACTIVITY OF THE UNITED STATES IN TAKING A HAND HERE TO TRY TO BRING ABOUT THE PEACE.

Q: ARE YOU CONTEMPLATING A VISIT TO ISRAEL AND TO SYRIA.

A: I BELIEVE UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF ONE'S TRIP THROUGH THE MIDDLE EAST THAT IT IS BEST TO BE WHERE ONE IS, TO ACCOUNT FOR THAT AND TO LET THE NEXT STOP TAKE CARE OF THE NEXT STOP.

Q: COULD YOU TELL US WHERE YOU ARE GOING IMMEDIATELY AFTER YOUR TRIP HERE?  
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A: RIGHT NOW I AM GOING TO GREECE. I AM GOING TO ATHENS TOMORROW MORNING.

Q: COULD YOU TELL US, SIR, JUST WHERE YOU ARE GOING AFTER GREECE?

A: I WILL VISIT OTHER COUNTRIES IN THIS AREA. I HOPE

TO VISIT THEM BEFORE I GO BACK TO THE UNITED STATES.

Q: SENATOR JAVITS, WHEN YOU SPOKE TO PRESIDENT SADAT, DID YOU TALK ABOUT THE FORTHCOMING, AT SOME POINT, THE GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE AND AMERICA'S ATTITUDE TOWARD ACCEPTING PALESTINIAN REPRESENTATION THERE,

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A: EVERY SUBJECT, I BELIEVE, CAME UNDER DISCUSSION. PERIOD. THE ATTITUDE OF THE UNITED STATES RESPECTING NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE PLO HAS BEEN PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED BY THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE, SO THERE IS NOTHING BU...

Q: YOU DON'T FORESEE ANY CHANGE IN THAT?

A: I CANNOT MAKE ANY PREDICTIONS ABOUT THAT OF ANY KIND AND INCIDENTALLY DOES NOT IMPLY AN AFFIRMATIVE OR A NEGATIVE. THAT IS THE POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES, AND AS FAR AS I KNOW, IT WILL CONTINUE TO BE. NOW THERE'S SOME IDEA THAT I GATHER FROM TALKING WITH PEOPLE HERE WHICH I THINK DOES DESERVE CLARIFICATION. AND THAT IS THE FACT THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS DETERMINED THAT IT WILL NOT NEGOTIATE WITH THE PLO -- WHICH IS THE PRESIDENT'S POLICY -- IN MY JUDGMENT DOES NOT MEAN THAT THE PROBLEMS OF THE PALESTINIANS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED, DISCUSSED OR DEALT WITH. AND I DON'T SEE WHY ONE IS A SINE QUA NON FOR THE OTHER. THAT IS JUST MY PERSONAL OPINION.

Q: DO YOU SEE ANY NEED FOR GREATER ISRAELI FLEXIBILITY  
ON THE WEST BANK ISSUE DUE TO THE RESULT OF RECENT ELECTIONS.

A: I DO NOT BELIEVE IT WILL BE CONDUCIVE TO THE PEACE  
OR NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE PEACE TO GIVE MY OPINIONS AS  
TO THE FLEXIBILITY OR INFLEXIBILITY OF ANY PARTY.

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Q: DID YOU TALK ABOUT THIS ISSUE WITH THE PRESIDENT...

A: WE DISCUSSED EVERY ISSUE IN THIS WHOLE RANGE.

Q: (QUESTION WAS WHETHER OR NOT U.S. COULD DO MORE  
TO HELP PEACE IN THE AREA)

A: I BELIEVE THE UNITED STATES IS DOING ALL IT CAN  
TO HELP, AND I BELIEVE GENERALLY THE POLICY OF UNITED  
STATES IS A POLICY WITH WHICH I AGREE. AND I BELIEVE  
ONLY EVENTS CAN DETERMINE WHAT ELSE MORE OR DIFFERENT  
THE UNITED STATES CAN OR SHOULD DO. I CANNOT ANTICIPATE  
THEM.

Q: (QUESTION DEALT WITH THE REPULSION (I.E. ACTION AGAINST  
RESIDENTS ON THE WEST BANK BY THE ISRAELIS AND ZIONIST  
MOVEMENT).

A: WELL, THE UNITED STATES HAS, OR AT LEAST I FELT, THAT  
OUR COUNTRY AND OUR PEOPLE, HAVE A DISTINCT REVULSION  
AGAINST THE SO-CALLED ZIONISM-RACISM RESOLUTION IN THE  
UNITED NATIONS. PERSONALLY, I THINK IT WAS A GREAT  
MISTAKE. BUT BE THAT AS IT MAY, I BELIEVE ALL THAT THE  
WEST BANK SHOWED IS THAT AS FAR AS ISRAEL IS CONCERNED,  
IT SEEMS TO BE PRACTICING WHAT IT PREACHES. IT PREACHES  
DEMOCRACY. IT APPEARS TO BE PRACTICING DEMOCRACY EVEN  
THOUGH ANY RATIONAL MAN WOULD HAVE KNOWN THAT THE  
ELECTIONS THERE COULD TURN OUT BADLY OR GOOD. ONE  
WOULD NEVER KNOW. BUT IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THEY HAD  
THE COURAGE OF THEIR OWN CONVICTIONS. THEY BELIEVE  
IN DEMOCRACY. THEY PRACTICED IT AND ALLOWED THE VOTE  
TO TAKE PLACE. I THINK THAT IS VERY MUCH TO THEIR  
CREDIT. NOW THE RESULTS, I DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY WILL  
BE ULTIMATELY. BUT IN ANY CASE, IN THE FIRST INSTANCE,  
THEY ACTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLES WHICH THEY  
PROCLAIM.

Q: BUT THIS DOES NOT APPLY WHILE THEY ARE NOT OCCUPYING  
THE COUNTRY. THEY ARE OCCUPYING IT.

A: I THINK THAT GETS ME INTO A DISCUSSION OF THE WHOLE

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HISTORY AND THE ANTAGONISMS AND DIFFERENCES OF OPINION WHICH IS MUCH TOO EARLY IN MY TRIP TO GET INTO. AND WITH ALL RESPECT, WHICH I WILL ONLY GET INTO AT HOME, NOT HERE.

Q: (QUESTION DEALT WITH SALE OF U.S. ARMS TO YUGOSLAVIA)

A: I HAVE NOT HEARD ABOUT THAT.

Q: (FURTHER QUESTION OF SALE OF ARMS TO YUGOSLAVIA)

A: I HAVE NOT HAD ANY OF THOSE FACTS UNDER CONSIDERATION. I HAVE NOT EVEN SEEN THIS ANNOUNCEMENT, AND I MAKE NO COMMENT.

Q: SENATOR JAVITS, THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN TEL AVIV ANNOUNCED LAST WEEK THAT YOU WOULD BE GOING TO ISRAEL...

A: I UNDOUBTEDLY WILL.

Q: I WANT TO KNOW, IS, WHEN YOU, WILL YOU BE THE BEARER OF ANY SPECIFIC MESSAGE TO THE ISRAELIS FROM PRESIDENT SADAT. ARE YOU DOING ANYTHING MORE THAN EXPLORING AND FACT-FINDING.

A: I AM EXPLORING AND FACT-FINDING PERIOD. WELL THANK YOU VERY MUCH LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

Q: I WANT TO ASK ABOUT THE PALESTINIANS. JUST HOW MUCH DO THE PALESTINIANS HAVE RIGHTS? DO THEY HAVE RIGHTS TO LIVE? DO THEY HAVE RIGHTS TO A HOMELAND? HOW MUCH DO YOU UNDERSTAND THIS PROBLEM.

A: I THINK I UNDERSTAND THE PROBLEM VERY WELL, MADAME, AND I THINK I UNDERSTAND PRESIDENT SADAT'S FEELINGS ABOUT IT VERY WELL, AND ITS PLACE IN ANY EFFORT TO BRING PEACE TO THIS AREA. I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT IT IS NOT ANY LACK OF KNOWLEDGE OR SENSITIVITY.

Q: THANK YOU, SIR.  
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